

Department of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee; Robert R. Burke, Monsanto Company, St. Louis, Missouri, on behalf of the Overseas Security Advisory Council, Department of State; R. Patrick Watson, Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, New York; and Kenneth Lieberman, Visa USA, San Mateo, California.

GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee held hearings to examine the scope and depth of the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies to mandate a total reforma-

tion and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed and distributed in America, focusing on its long-term impact on children and the public health, receiving testimony from Mississippi Attorney General Mike Moore, Jackson; Matthew L. Myers, National Center for Tobacco-Free Kids, Washington, D.C.; D. Scott Wise, Davis Polk & Wardwell, and John R. Garrison, American Lung Association, both of New York, New York; and Lonnie R. Bristow, San Pablo, California.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, September 16.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 2298, 2379–2394; 1 private bill, H.R. 2395; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 142 and H. Res. 217–218, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Filed on August 5: H.R. 2378, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–240);

H.R. 2378, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–240 Part II);

H.R. 700, to remove the restriction on the distribution of certain revenues from the Mineral Springs parcel to certain members of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians amended (H. Rept. 105–241);

H.R. 976, to provide for the disposition of certain funds appropriated to pay judgment in favor of the Mississippi Sioux Indians, amended (H. Rept. 105–242); and

H.R. 1903, to amend the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act to enhance the ability of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to improve computer security, amended (H. Rept. 105–243).

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Independence of India and Pakistan: Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 157, on August 7, the Speaker announced the following Members of the House to the delegation attending the 50th Anniversary of the Independence of India and Pakistan: Rep-

resentatives Gilman, Ackerman, Hastings of Florida, Engel, and Delegate Faleomavaega.

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Clerk Designations: Read a letter from the Clerk wherein she designated Mr. Jeff Trandahl, Deputy Clerk; Ms. Julie Perrier, Assistant Clerk; and Mr. Ray Strong, Assistant Clerk to sign papers and do all other acts under the name of the Clerk in case of her temporary absence or disability.

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Resignation from the House of Representatives: Read a letter from Representative Flake of New York wherein he announced his resignation from the House of Representatives, effective October 15, 1997.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President transmitted to the Clerk on August 11, 1997:

Balanced Budget Act: Message wherein he, in accordance with the Line Item Veto Act (P.L. 104–130), cancels one item of new direct spending contained in the “Balanced Budget Act of 1997” (P.L. 105–33, H.R. 2015)—referred to the Committee on the Budget and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–115); and

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Taxpayer Relief Act: Message wherein he, in accordance with the Line Item Veto Act (P.L. 104–130), cancels two limited tax benefits contained in the “Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997” (P.L. 105–34, H.R. 2014)—referred to the Committees on the Budget and Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–116).

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Read two letters from the Chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure wherein he transmits copies of resolutions adopted by the Committee on July 23—referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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Committee on the Records of Congress: Read a letter from the Clerk wherein she appoints Mr. Roger Davidson of Washington, D.C. to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

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Military Construction Appropriations Act Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2016, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Packard, Porter, Hobson, Wicker, Kingston, Parker, Tiahrt, Wamp, Livingston, Hefner, Olver, Edwards, Dicks, Hoyer, and Obey.

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Agreed to the Hefner motion to instruct conferees to insist on the House position with respect to funding for Family Housing, Dormitories and Barracks for military personnel serving worldwide.

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VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2158, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Lewis of California, DeLay, Walsh, Hobson, Knollenberg, Frelinghuysen, Neumann, Wicker, Livingston, Stokes, Mollohan, Kaptur, Meek of Florida, Price, and Obey.

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Agreed to the Stokes motion to instruct conferees to insist on the position of the House regarding the total funding level provided for the Environmental Protection Agency's "Hazardous Substance Superfund" account.

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Transportation Appropriations Act Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2169, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Wolf, DeLay, Regula, Rogers, Packard, Callahan, Tiahrt, Aderholt, Livingston, Sabo, Foglietta, Torres, Olver, Pastor, and Obey.

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Agreed to the Sabo motion to instruct conferees to insist on the House position with respect to providing \$200,000,000 for operating assistance under the transit formula grants program.

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Energy and Water Appropriations Act Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2203, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and agreed to a conference.

Appointed as conferees: Representatives McDade, Rogers, Knollenberg, Frelinghuysen, Parker, Callahan, Dickey, Livingston, Fazio, Visclosky, Edwards, Pastor, and Obey.

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Agreed to the Fazio motion to instruct conferees to recede to the Senate on funding levels provided for nonproliferation and arms control programs under the Department of Energy.

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Foreign Operations Appropriations Act: The House considered amendments to H.R. 2159 making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. The House completed debate and considered amendments to the bill on July 30. Consideration of amendments will resume on Thursday, September 4.

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Agreed To:

The Yates amendment as modified that prohibits any funds to be used by the Government of Croatia to relocate the remains of Croatian Ustashe soldiers at the site of the World War II concentration camp at Jasenovac, Croatia;

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The Traficant amendment that allows procurement outside the United States only for purchases in the country receiving assistance when these purchases cost less, are not available in the United States, or the President determines that such purchases would result in a more efficient use of foreign assistance resources;

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The Traficant amendment that prohibits any funding to be used to pay for NATO expansion not authorized by law; and

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The Bereuter amendment, offered on July 30, that prohibits direct aid to the Government of Cambodia.

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Point of Order:

A point of order was sustained against section 539 concerning restrictions on the termination of sanctions against Serbia and Montenegro.

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Pending Amendments:

The Campbell amendment was offered that seeks to increase funding for the African Development Fund by \$25 million and decrease the Economic Support Fund accordingly;

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The Paul amendment was offered that seeks to prohibit any funding for population control, family planning activities, or abortion procedures;

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The Fox amendment was offered that seeks to prohibit any development assistance funding to support trophy hunting or the international commercial trade in elephant ivory, hides or rhinoceros horns;

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The Torres amendment was offered that seeks to prohibit any funding for the United States Army School of the Americas;

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The Stearns amendment was offered that seeks to express the sense of the Congress that all member nations of NATO should contribute their proportionate share for the costs of the Partnership for Peace program and any future costs of NATO expansion; and

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The Burton of Indiana amendment was offered that seeks to limit to not more than \$41.7 million of Development Assistance funding to India.

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The bill is being considered pursuant to the order of the House of Thursday, July 24.

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Order of Business—Foreign Operations: It was made in order that, during further consideration of H.R. 2159, no further amendment shall be in order in the Committee of the Whole except the amendment numbered 1 in House Report 105–184 and the amendment to that amendment, under the terms of the order of the House of July 24, 1997, and the amendment numbered 40 by Representative Burton.

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Legislative Branch Appropriations Act Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Walsh, Young of Florida, Cunningham, Wamp, Latham, Livingston, Serrano, Fazio, Kaptur, and Obey.

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By a yea and nay vote of 202 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 352, rejected the Serrano motion to instruct conferees to agree to the position in Senate amendment numbered 1 with respect to the account “Joint Committee on Taxation” providing not more than a 4.64% increase for the Joint Committee on Taxation compared to an 8% increase in the House bill.

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Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2160, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Skeen, Walsh, Dickey, Kingston, Nethercutt, Bonilla, Latham, Livingston, Kaptur, Fazio, Serrano, DeLauro, and Obey.

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By a yea and nay vote of 299 yeas to 125 nays, Roll No. 353, agreed to the Kaptur motion to instruct conferees to recede to the Senate regarding funding levels provided under the Food and Drug Administration for the program to prevent the use of tobacco products by minors.

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Defense Appropriations Act Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Young of Florida, McDade, Lewis of California, Skeen, Hobson, Bonilla, Nethercutt, Istook, Cunningham, Livingston, Murtha, Dicks, Hefner, Sabo, Dixon, Visclosky, and Obey.

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Agreed to the Obey motion to instruct conferees to insist on the House position prohibiting the use of funds to approve or license the sale of the F–22 advanced tactical fighter to any foreign government.

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By a yea and nay vote of 420 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 354, agreed that the conference meetings between the House and the Senate on H.R. 2266 be closed to the public at such times as classified national security information is under consideration; provided, that any sitting Member of Congress shall have a right to attend any closed or open meeting.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today and the message transmitted to the Clerk on August 1 appear on page H6717.

Referrals: S. 1120, to provide for a consultant for the President pro tempore, was referred to the Committee on House Oversight.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H6799.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6757–58, H6760, and H6761–62. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:00 noon and adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TEACHERS: HELPING AMERICA TO READ

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on Teachers: The Key to Helping America to Read. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEFENSE AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on the Defense Airborne Reconnaissance Office (DARO). Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.